come-tax law whether payment of these rewards is justified according to the Income-tax law. That is the question which Mr. Salve put—I have not put; it is Mr. Salve's question.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: Whether the Income-tax law justifies that reward or not, I shall look into it.

SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: I congratulate the Finance Minister on conducting these searches and seizures and I hope he will not succumb to the pressures already being built up by the media and the pressure groups. It is not only among business people, but also among the officers, that there are some unscrupulous elements. Even amongst the officers there are many unscrupulous officers, officers who have gathered black money and it is only with their knowledge that tax-evading is going on. Will the Government consider conducting raids in the premises of these officers also who have accumulated black money?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: Sir, I am happy to tell the honourable Member that no politcal or any kind of external pressure have been used and the Government has not succumbed to any such pressure and the commitment of the Government is very clear: We are not going to yield to any pressure.

So far as the raids are concerned, it is not, as I have stated earlier, against any particulary individual or any business community. It is against the law-breakers only. Sir, coming to the second part of the question... I am not able to recall what he said exactly in the second part of his question.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is about officers who have accumulated money.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI. Yes. There also, Sir, we have taken action against a number of officers and we are going to take action also against some of the fficers who have become mischievous, who have become corrupt or who are trying to harass innocent people.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Next question. Question No. 327.

*327. [*The Questioner (Shri N.E. Balram) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 37-38 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 328. Mr. Pyarelal Khandelwal.

भारत को चीनी बेचने के लिए मारीशस की पेशकश

*328. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मारीशस भारत को अपेक्षाकृत कम मूल्य पर चीनी बेचने के लिए तैयार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो फिलिपीन, थाईलैण्ड, कोरिया, क्यूबा आदि से खरीदी गई चीनी के मूल्यों तथा मारीशस द्वारा प्रस्तावित चीनी के मूल्यों में कितना अंतर है ?

वाणिज्य और खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : सभापति जी, माननीय मंत्री जी ने मेरे प्रश्न के जवाब में 'जी नहीं' और 'प्रश्न नहीं उठता' उत्तर दिया है । लेकिन मैं प्रश्न उठाना चाहता हूं । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या मारीशस ने भारत को चीनी बेचने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव किया था और अगर किया था तो वह किस भाव में किया था—ऊंचे भाव में या नीचे भाव में ?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, in response to the STCs request of the 9th September 1985, the High Commission of Mauritius advised the STC on the 13th November 1985 that 20,000 tonnes or raw sugar was avai-

lable for shipment during December 1985 and May 1986, but only if the buyers were willing to pay a substantial premium over and above the current market price. No price was indicated and no purchase was made as we are not importing raw sugar. However, it was observed by the STC that one of the STC's suppliers based in London had declared loading of one cargo of sugar on the 4th Fbruary, 1986 from Port Louis, Mauritius. Beyond that, Sir, there is no offer from the Mauritius Government at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, put your second supplementary, Mr. Khandelwal.

श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : सभापति जी, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि थाईलैण्ड और क्यूबा से पिछले वर्ष में कितनी चीनी भारत में आयात की गई और किस भाव में की गई और क्या उसके लिए टैंडर आमंत्रित किए गए थे ?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, I do not have the exact figures as to what was imported from Cuba and the other country which has been referred to by the honourable Member. But, so far as the price is concerned, Sir, the price is that which was ranging in the international market. There is a prescribed procedure for the purpose of purchase. Sir, this is a practically canalised item and the STC purchases it. Now, what happens s that the STC purchase sugar from the international suppliers who are registered with the STC. Such registration is done after going into background of such suppliers, taking into account their experience in the sugar trade their financial status, their membership of the International Sugar Exchanges in London, in New York in Paris, in Hongong, etc. Taking into consideration the requirements given by the Department of Food, which are generally monthwise and also port-wise, and the international price situation, the STC invites offers from its registered suppliers. These offers are considered by the Board's Sugar Committee Chairman and all Executive Directors of the STC are members. Decisions taken by the Committee are advised to STC, London, to finalise purchases.

श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : टैंडर आमंत्रित करने की प्रथा है ।

श्री पी० शिवशंकर : मैंने आप से निवेदन किया कि जो रजिस्टर्ड सप्लायर्स हैं उन को रेक्वेस्ट की जाती है । वह फिर आफर देते हैं और उस पर जो कमेटी है वह बैठ कर निर्णय लेती है ।

श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव : थे नंती महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि हमारे देश में जो चीनी आती है वह किन किन देशों से आती है और इंटरनेशनल जो उस की प्राइस है उस पर हम उसे खरीदते हैं, तो क्या यह हमारी चीनी के दाम से ज्यादा है या नहीं ? दूसरी बात यह है कि जो चीनी आती है वह इनफीरियर क्वालिटी की होती है । पहले भी जब यह चीनी आयी थी तो सारे देश में बड़ा हंगामा हुआ था कि बहुत इनफीरियर क्वालिटी की चीनी आयी है और हमारी चीनी जो यहां तैयार होती है वह अच्छी क्वालिटी की होती है...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question not relevant.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, it is relevant. Please listen. It is very important तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो चीनी आती है वह...

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is the question relating to import from Mauritius. Question not redevant. Next quesion: 328A.